Compensation to Families of Deceased IL-38 Plane Crash Victims

786. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the families of the victims of defence personnel who died in an IL-38 Naval plane crash over Goa have made a representation to the Government to declare the deaths 'Under active duty';

(b) whether Government had earlier declared such deaths as in harness; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider the representation of the deceased's kith and kin and offer them adequate compensation and privileges admissible under 'Active duty' category?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No such representation has been received by the Naval Headquarters.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the relevant regulations, the casualties of IL-38 crews would be treated as death due to accidents in the performance of duties and due compensation would be awarded to the next of kin of the deceased.

Icrease in MiG crashes

787. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of MiG 21 crashes have been increasing during the current year in comparison to the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether two MiG 21 crashes have taken place in the month of September, 2002, after getting clearance to fly;

(d) if so, the reasons of such crashes; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to retire MiG 21 and bring confidence about safety of the planes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Compared to last five years' data of MIG-21 aircraft

accidents of category I nature, current year's figures do not indicate an increasing trend. Details are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Courts of Inquiry which have been set up to investigate the causes of these two accidents, are still in progress.

(e) The safety of the MIG-21 aircraft has never been in doubt. In fact, the aircraft are in the process of being modernised and as such there are no plans to retire the aircraft.

Statement

Data of MIG 21 accidents of category-I

YEAR	MIG-21 CATEGORY-I ACCIDENTS	TD	HE(A)	HE(S)	UR	BH
1997-1998	06	02	02	—	02	—
1998-1999	10	03	06	—	01	—
1999-2000	13	05	04	01	01	02
2000-2001	12	02	07	01	—	02
2001-2002	07	03	03	—	—	01
2002-2003	10	07	03	—	—	—
TOTAL	58	22	25	02	04	05

TD : Technical Defect

HE(A) : Human Error (Aircrew)

HE(S) : Human Error (Servicing)

UR : Unresolved

BH : Bird Hit

MIG-21 Planes with IAF

788. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG-21 planes with IAF;

(b) the number of MIGs .crashed between 2000-2002;